

**DECEMBER 1, 2008
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:15 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Charles M. Germana presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	BRIAN DAY MARY GALINAS LARRY NAPOLI KEN RAMSER TOM REGAS SCOTT M. TUMA SEAN P. BRENNAN NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE
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COUNCIL MEMBER EXCUSED:	ROY J. JECH
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Mr. Mastroianni – Mr. Chairman, the Roll of Council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council Members present. The following officials and department heads were also present: Mayor Dean DePiero, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Dennis Kish, Treasurer Anthony C. Zielinski, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Gregory Baeppler, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Communications and Community Relations Director Jack Marschall, Recreation Commissioner Mickey Vittardi, Senior Citizen Director Jo Ann Mason, Community Development Director Erik Tollerup, Chief of Staff Meghann McCall, Economic Development Officer/Grant Writer Shelley Cullins and Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Clerk of Council Tom Mastroianni.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VOICE VOTE:

	RESOLUTION NO. 352-08	12/3/08	L-352-08
BY:	S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, R. J. JECH, S. TUMA,	B. DAY, M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS	

A RESOLUTION HONORING PARMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GIRL POWER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2007-2008

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Resolution No. 352-08. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 347-08 12/3/08 L-347-08

BY:	S. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH,
	L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS, S. TUMA

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING JUDGE
JOHN J. DONNELLY ON HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE

METROPARKS

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Resolution No. 347-08. Motion carried.

Resolution was presented to Judge Donnelly along with certificates from the Treasurer and Law Director.

Mayor DePiero – Presented Judge Donnelly with a Proclamation and the Key to the City.

Council Recessed at 7:25 P.M. to go into Committee Meetings.

Council Reconvened the Council Meeting at 8:27 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

Dr. Kampe, Sarasota Drive – Stated Ordinance No. 317-08 is part of a larger package. Asked what is the total cost of the program? Also asked how many violations have been recorded in safety school zones in 2007 or 2008 to within 100 and the same thing with the cost to within \$100,000.00? Stated the distribution of monies, obviously if the program is successful it will go to zero. That is the goal. All of us that have driven on the Ohio Turnpike slow down when we see a Police car going by. One should have a school zone where you have nothing and you count the number of violations. You compare that with their system as to how many less you have. You compare that with a Police car with flashing lights parked where they are and that final combination of a Police car and radar. If it doesn't go this way, if it stays this way then the monies being spent on 317 and the supplementary programs of 330 and 331 are really zero.

DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

Mr. Germana – Stated we have the October 20, 2008, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the November 3, 2008, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the November 17, 2008, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Are there any additions or corrections? Hearing none, the Minutes will stand approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Councilman Celebrezze - Stated the Planning Committee of Council met this evening to discuss the two requests for a Variance from the applicant Frank Bohley, 12703 W. Pleasant Valley Road on PPN 457-10-001.

The first request is for an "Area" variance of Section 1153.03 (a) Single Family House Districts Accessory Uses and Buildings – Private Garages and parking. The proposal is to build a second garage larger and higher than Code allows. Maximum size garage allowed by Code on lots over 8,400 sq. ft. is 800 sq. ft. The applicant is proposing to build a 1,120 sq. ft. garage on lot over 8,400 sq. ft in area. Code does not allow more than one garage, whether attached or detached, to be permitted on any one lot. The proposal is to also build a detached garage in addition to existing 400 sq. ft. attached garage. These variances would result in allowing a second garage on a single lot and 720 more sq. ft. for garage on parcel over 8,400 sq. ft. in area. There is a stipulation that the existing building will be removed.

The second request is for an "Area" variance of Section 1185.05 Height Regulations – Height District Exceptions. The proposal is to build a second garage larger and higher than Code allows. Code requires that in residential districts no accessory building shall exceed 15' in height nor more than one store. The proposed

detached garage is 18' in height. This variance would result in allowing 3' more in height of residential garage and for more than one story.

Motion made by Councilman Celebrezze seconded by Councilman Day to grant the variances as recommended by the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Paul Werth Associates thanking every one for their help with State Issue 2.

Construction Notice received from North Coast Gas Transmission notifying public officials of proposed construction projects that require Construction Notice through the Ohio Power Siting Board. North Coast is proposing to construct a new natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the City of Parma. It is on file in the Council Office.

Thank you card received from the family of Jeff Kaiser as follows: Dear Members of Council – Many thanks for the beautiful and delicious gift basket from Peterson Nuts and for being so thoughtful.

It's because of everyone's cards, thoughts, prayers and support that Jeff is doing so well.

Correspondence received from the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation thanking everyone for the gift of \$100.00 in memory of Mr. James H. Flower III.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 337-08 12/1/08 L-337-08
BY: S. BRENNAN, R. J. JECH
(By Request – Community Services & Economic Development Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO FILE A LIEN WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR ON THE PROPERTY TAX DUPLICATE OF PARCELS LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" TO RECOVER DEMOLITION COSTS INCURRED BY ENFORCING SUMMARY NUISANCE ABATEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 338-08 12/1/08 L-338-08
BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 339-08 12/1/08 L-339-08

BY: T. REGAS, L. NAPOLI
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE EQUALIZATION BOARD REPORT FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR BRADENTON BOULEVARD, SUNHAVEN OVAL, SUNRISE OVAL, KNOWLES DRIVE, PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE, MELODY LANE, A PORTION OF HOERTZ ROAD AND A PORTION OF BONNY BOULEVARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Resolution will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 340-08 12/1/08 L-340-08

BY: T. REGAS, L. NAPOLI
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF BRADENTON BLVD., SUNHAVEN OVAL, SUNRISE OVAL, KNOWLES DRIVE, PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE, MELODY LANE, A PORTION OF HOERTZ ROAD, AND A PORTION OF BONNY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 345-08 12/1/08 L-345-08

BY: S. BRENNAN, M. GALINAS

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 664 “SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES DEALERS” AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 626 “JUNK DEALERS, PAWNBROKERS, AND SECONDHAND DEALERS”; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 739 “JUNK DEALERS” AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 739 “JUNK DEALERS, PAWNBROKERS, AND SECONDHAND DEALERS”; AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (c) “BUSINESS REGULATION CODE” OF SECTION 185.04 “FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 348-08 12/1/08 L-348-08

BY: S. BRENNAN
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE E GROUP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION ISSUES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 326-08 11/17/08 L-326-08
BY: R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI
(By Request – City Engineer/Building Commissioner)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENTS BY VARIOUS RESIDENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS ALONG WEST RIDGEWOOD DRIVE AND BROADVIEW ROAD AT RUSTIC TRAIL IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Regas seconded by Councilman Day to refer Ordinance No. 326-08 back to the Public Service Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 329-08 11/17/08 L-329-08
BY: M. GALINAS
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE KITCHENS AT FIRE STATIONS 4 AND 5 IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to refer Ordinance No. 329-08 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 330-08 11/17/08 L-330-08
BY: M. GALINAS
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF EXHIBIT “A” OF ORDINANCE NO. 423-06 TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MAGISTRATE/HEARING OFFICER WITHIN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE FOR THE PROPOSED SPEED CAMERA IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Brennan seconded by Councilman Day to refer Ordinance No. 330-08 back to the Governmental Operations Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 331-08 11/17/08 L-331-08
BY: M. GALINAS
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC. FOR

THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING SPEED CAMERA SERVICES
IN SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to refer
Ordinance No. 331-08 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 334-08 11/17/08 L-334-08

BY: S. M. TUMA
 (By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO RETAIN
THE SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM OF WALTER & HAVERFIELD FOR
LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PRESENT CLAIM KNOWN AS KEVIN
MULLEN ET AL. VS. CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to refer
Ordinance No. 334-08 back to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 317-08 11/3/08 L-317-08

BY: M. GALINAS, S. P. BRENNAN, B. DAY, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS,
 S. M. TUMA, N. CELEBREZZE
 (By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 313.035 “*USE OF
AUTOMATED CAMERAS TO IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES
UPON SPEEDING VIOLATORS IN ANY SCHOOL ZONE*”
OF CHAPTER 313 “TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES” OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor DePiero – Thanked Council for bringing Ordinance No. 317-08 out for
consideration. As was indicated in the presentation, the split will be 65% for the City and
35% to the vendor.

As far as information on citations in school zones, that information can be
obtained through the Municipal Court.

Councilwoman Galinas – Stated when they met with Redflex, discussion took
place about Toledo giving 19 tickets per hour. We don't have the numbers here
because we haven't started. Doesn't think they have the manpower in the Police
Department to do a lot of control in the School zones. The Safety Director mentioned
that he was in an area on Ridge Road where he sat with an officer and there were 3
violators of the speed limit in 3 minutes. Is very grateful this has come before Council
and she thinks it will be a very good thing for the City.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt
Ordinance No. 317-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Ordinance No. 317-08 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 323-08 11/3/08 L-323-08

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Recreation Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SECTION 185.05
“FEES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE” RELATIVE
TO THE MISCELLANEOUS RECREATION FEES, OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt
Ordinance No. 323-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Ordinance No. 323-08 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 324-08 11/3/08 L-324-08

BY: M. GALINAS, B. DAY, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS,
S. M. TUMA, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AS A DONATION 3.6 ACRES OF LAND
FROM GENERAL MOTORS LOCATED AT 5400 CHEVROLET BLVD.,
IN THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Galinas – Stated they are very excited to have this property
donated. The acreage will help with the water basin to divert water sewer problems they
have had in that are for a long time. The Mayor and the Administration have been
working very diligently with GM. With the condition that GM is in right now, this is
unbelievable that they are going to go ahead and continue to honor their commitment
with the City. This is a huge step in correcting some of the problems in that area that
we have had with flooded basements and sewer issues.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt
Ordinance No. 324-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Ordinance NO. 324-08 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 327-08 11/3/08 L-327-08

BY: K. A. RAMSER
(By Request – Mayor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT
WHICH WILL GRANT AN EASEMENT TO NORTH COAST GAS
TRANSMISSION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS LINE
ON CITY PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Regas seconded by Councilman Day to accept
Substitute Ordinance No. 327-08 which amends the language on the previous
Ordinance No. 327-08 as stated in the substitute legislation. Further moved to waive

Rule 51, have a Roll Call Vote on Rule 44 and place Substitute Ordinance No. 327-08 on Third Reading for final passage. Motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 327-08 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Substitute Ordinance No. 327-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Substitute Ordinance No. 327-08 is adopted.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:

Mr. Germana – Shall the statutory provision and Rule 47 requiring the full and distinct reading of Ordinance No. 341-08, Resolution No. 342-08, Ordinance No. 343-08, Ordinance No. 344-08 and Resolution No. 346-08 on three different days be dispensed with?

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Shall Rule 44 requiring reference to committee be dispensed with and Ordinance No. 341-08, Resolution No. 342-08, Ordinance No. 343-08, Ordinance No. 344-08 and Resolution No. 346-08 be placed on final passage?

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 341-08 12/1/08 L-341-08

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF
APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE 2008 PERMANENT
APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to amend Ordinance no. 341-08 by accepting Exhibit “A”. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Ordinance No. 341-08 as amended.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: Ordinance No. 341-08 is adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 342-08 12/1/08 L-342-08

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR’S POST
CERTIFICATION OF REQUISITIONS AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT
“A” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to amend Resolution No. 342-08 by accepting revised Exhibit “A”. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Resolution No. 342-08 as amended.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Resolution No. 342-08 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 343-08 12/1/08 L-343-08
BY: S. TUMA, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS,
S. M. TUMA, S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR TASKS RELATED TO
PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, PLAN REVIEWS
AND CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTION ACTIVITIES WITH
REGARDS TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF
PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Deichmann – Ordinance for 343-08 as well as 344-08 are annual Ordinances reflecting what we need to do to comply with our permit from the Ohio EPA. There are provisions in the permit that they are relying on the Soil and Water District to assist us in our storm water plans and making inspections and also the County Board of Health for their work in assisting with checking storm water outfalls, etc. They just received the quotes for 2009 from both entities, and they would like to have them in place before the new year.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Ordinance No. 343-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Ordinance No. 343-08 is adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 344-08 12/1/08 L-344-08
BY: S. TUMA, B. DAY, M. GALINAS, L. NAPOLI, K. RAMSER, T. REGAS,
S. P. BRENNAN, N. CELEBREZZE
(By Request – City Engineer)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF
HEALTH FOR TASKS RELATED TO THE CITY'S NPDES PERMIT
FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Ordinance No. 344-08.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Ordinance No. 344-08 is adopted.

BY: S. M. TUMA
(By Request – Auditor)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S CASH
TRANSFERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma seconded by Councilman Day to amend Resolution No. 346-08 by accepting Exhibit "A" motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adopt Resolution No. 346-08 as amended.

Yes: Day, Galinas, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan, Celebrezze.

No: None; Resolution No. 346-08 is adopted as amended.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Councilman Ramser – Stated that the Appointment Scanning Committee met to discuss the following appointments:

Reappointment of John Thomas, Jr., to the Civil Service Commission. The new six year term will begin on January 1, 2009 and end on December 31, 2014.

Reappointment of Salvatore Talarico to the Municipal income Tax Board of Review. The new three year term will begin on January 10, 2009 and end on January 9, 2012.

Reappointment of Maribeth Feke to the Design Review Board. The new two year term will begin on January 16, 2009 and end on January 15, 2011.

Reappointment of Reverent Cynthia Ishler to the Fair Housing Review Board. The new three year term will begin on January 1, 2009 and end on December 31, 2012.

Motion made by Councilman Ramser seconded by Councilman Day to accept the above reappointments as recommended by the Appointment Scanning Committee of Council. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

Dr. Kampe, Sarasota Drive – Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Martin Drabek, 7696 Cecilia Drive – Had questions regarding the windows in the Council Chambers. Asked why Council schedules the double header Council Meetings instead of meeting every Monday.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor DePiero – Regarding the Council Meetings, his belief is that as Administrators they should prepare legislation week by week, they should answer Council members' questions and work through issues so that when they present legislation to Council, they can ask intelligent questions and they can make changes, etc. That is what they have tried to do. His belief is, it is not how long a meeting is but what you accomplish at a meeting. The issue with double headers is, he feels Council can be more productive sometimes in meeting and discussing an issue and then voting on it shortly thereafter. It also cuts down on cost. They don't need to keep the lights on, have people around the building, have Council staff here as well. So, he feels it is making them more efficient and saving the tax payers money. They have accomplished quite a bit tonight at the double header. Of course, they can come every week, but he

thinks that for the sake of meeting just to have a meeting, he doesn't know if it makes any sense.

Also, many times Council is required to attend Planning Commission Meetings, Ward Meetings. Feels the double headers are appropriate under some circumstances.

Stated the Christmas Parade is this Saturday. Big Chuck Shadowski will be the Grand Marshall.

Mr. Higgins – Commented on the windows. Stated the air is blowing out of the vents.

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Treasurer Zielinski – No comment.

Law Director Dobeck – No comment.

Auditor Kish – No comment.

Mr. Germana - Stated that the last meeting of the year will be on Monday, December 29th at 6 P.M. It will be a Committee/Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to eliminate the Round Robin Motion carried.

Mr. Germana – Congratulated everyone on passing the camera legislation. Stated that motorists have to be diligent on the side streets because of children pedestrians crossing to go to school. Stated that anyone that blows off a school zone should be fined.

REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to excuse Councilman Roy Jech. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Day seconded by Councilwoman Galinas to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, December 1, 2008.

THOMAS MASTROIANNI
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CHARLES M. GERMANA
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

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